on the ground that such cases are few or that the amount is small.

376. Abolition of different rates in the demand-notice fees and dispensing with them if the amount is paid before attachment.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer represented that demand notice fees were now calculated according to the distance to the residence of the defaulter from the taluk office and this resulted in different rates of fees being realised from the ryots. He suggested that this practice might be abolished and the rules under the Revenue Recovery Regulation might be so modified as to admit of the same rate of fees being recovered from all persons alike. He further requested that no fees might be demanded from the ryots in case they paid the amount specified in the notice before the date of attachment.

Reply.—The rates of fees now levied are, in the opinion of Government, moderate and cannot be reduced. There is no reason to modify the rules that have been passed under the Regulation, nor can any exemption be made in the case of defaulters who pay up their dues before the date of attachment.

377. Grant of permission to cultivate tobacco in Shencottah.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer requested that permission might be given for the cultivation of tobacco in Shencottah, at least in a few individual cases.

Reply.—This representation has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 145.

378. Appointment of a Settlement officer and staff for a short period in Shencottah.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested that a settlement supervisor with the necessary classifiers and other subordinates might be appointed for a short period to rectify the errors in the recent settlement of the taluk and thus minimise the number of civil suits likely to arise therefrom.

Reply.—This taluk has been already settled. Nothing can be done in the manner suggested.

379. Establishment of a separate Munsiff's Court at Shencottah.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer requested that a separate munsiff's court might be opened in Shencottah instead of combining judicial

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